

In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph that appears on page 22, lines 3 to 19, as follows:

Figure 2 is a flow chart illustrating operation with the present invention. The processing shown in Figure 2 can be performed by a software module of the request dispatcher of a server farm. The software module can comprise, for example, a computer-readable media, such as a DVD-ROM, CD-ROM, flashdrive, hard drive, or other computer-readable media for storing computer-readable code, containing software code or performing the following steps. The request dispatcher would dispatch the requests to the individual servers in the farm in accordance with an overall scheme that takes into account the session affinity scheme of the present invention, a load balancing scheme and the applicable content-based routing/dispatching rules. The request dispatcher may run on the http server, such as server 13 in Figure 1 or may be a stand-alone computing device that front ends the entire server farm and interfaces directly to the network. Referring to the flowchart, in step 200, the request dispatcher receives a client request. In step 202, the plugin determines the server group to which the client request corresponds based on the URI of the request. Flow then proceeds to step 204. In step 204, it determines whether the request includes a session ID. If not, flow proceeds to step 206 where the request is routed by whatever other Work Load Management (WLM) mechanism the server farm uses. From step 206, flow proceeds to step 210 where the server clone creates a session ID for the session. Flow then proceeds to step 230, where the clone ID of the server to which the request was sent is appended to the session ID.